

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1-6 and 8-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over the patent to Tanigushi.

At the same time the Examiner indicated that claims 12 and 13 are not rejected over the art.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 12 and 13 have been gratefully acknowledged. In connection with this indication claim 12 has been cancelled and its features have been introduced into claim 1. Thus, claim 1 should be considered as being in allowable condition.

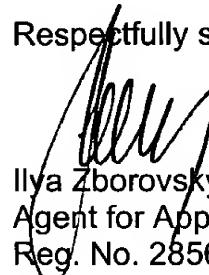
Claims 2-11 depend on claim 1, they share its presumably allowable features, and therefore it is respectfully submitted that they should also be allowed.

Applicant has also canceled claim 13 and submitted new claim 14 which combines the features of the original claims 1 and 13. It is believed that this claim is also in allowable condition.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application with all the claims currently on file is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-243-3818).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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